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51270-245664

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

M. SAITO, et al.

Serial No: 09/703,548

Filed: November 1, 2000

For: OPTICAL DISK RECORDING  
APPARATUS HAVING PUSH-PULL SIGNAL  
PROCESSING CIRCUIT, WOBBLE  
EXTRACTION CIRCUIT AND PRE-PIT  
DETECTION CIRCUIT

Art Unit: 2655  
Examiner: N.Z. HINDI

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants request continued examination of the above-referenced application.  
In a June 11, 2003 Notice of Allowance, claims 1-6 were allowed, and the issue fee of  
\$1300 was requested.

The issue fee is not being paid; instead, this Request for Continued Examination  
(RCE) application is being filed. Prior to examination of this RCE application, please  
enter the attached Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). Examination of this RCE

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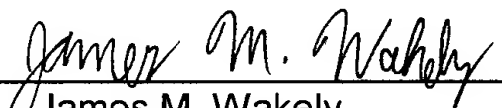
application is requested so that the Examiner may consider the (3) references cited in the IDS.

Applicants request an action on the merits. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

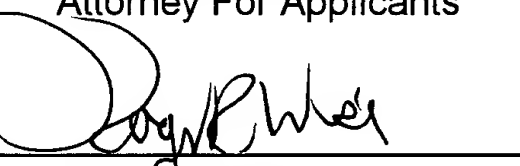
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

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Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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Date: August 19, 2003

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Examiner:

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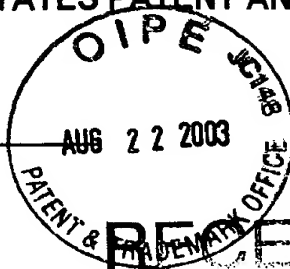
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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

|   |  |                                  |                                    |               |                    |                 |                |
|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Small Entity claim<br>A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made<br>B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn<br>C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith<br>D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously<br>For B & C See <b>Required Separate Paper</b> (Pat-256) |  | Claims remaining after amendment | Highest number previously paid for | Present Extra | Large/Small Entity | Additional Fee  | Fee Code Lg/Sm |
| 2. Total Effective Claims   |  | 6                                | **minus 20                         | 0             | x \$18/\$9 =       | + \$0           | 103/203        |
| 3. Independent Claims   |  | 3                                | ***minus 3                         | 0             | x \$84/\$42 =      | + \$0           | 102/202        |
| 4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....   |  |                                  |                                    |               | add                | + \$280/\$140 = | + \$0 104/204  |
| 5. Original due Date: September 11, 2003  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> NONE    |                                    |               |                    |                 |                |
| 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached   |  | (1 mo)                           | \$110/\$55 =                       | + \$0         |                    |                 | 115/215        |
|   |  | (2 mos)                          | \$410/\$205 =                      |               |                    |                 | 116/216        |
|   |  | (3 mos)                          | \$930/\$465 =                      |               |                    |                 | 117/217        |
|   |  | (4 mos)                          | \$1,450/\$725 =                    |               |                    |                 | 118/218        |
|   |  | (5 mos)                          | \$1,970/\$985 =                    |               |                    |                 | 128/228        |
| 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract   |  |                                  |                                    |               | - \$0              |                 |                |
| 8. Extension Fee  |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$0              |                 |                |
| 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....   |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$110/\$55       | + \$0           | 148/248        |
| 10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), .....  |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$180            | + \$0           | 126            |
| or if Rule 97(d) Request .....  |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$180            | + \$0           | 126            |
| 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....  |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$750/370        | + \$0           | 146/246        |
| 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....   |  |                                  |                                    |               | x \$750/375 ea     | + \$0           | 149/249        |
| 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....   |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$750/375        | + \$750         | 1179/1279      |
| 14. Petition fee for .....  |  |                                  |                                    |               | + \$0              |                 |                |
| 15. TOTAL FEE =   |  |                                  |                                    |               | <b>\$750</b>       |                 |                |

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**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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